

# CITY of BEAVERTON

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### BEAVERTON PROPOSES EXEMPTION FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERS

**Beaverton, Oregon (January 15, 2009)** – Mayor Denny Doyle announced today that the City of Beaverton is proposing an exemption to the Development Code that would help provide warm beds for citizens in need of shelter during a storm. The exemption would temporarily allow secondary public schools, places of worship and public buildings to act as emergency shelters during a severe weather event.

"We are committed to finding ways to help those most in need in our community," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "The exemption is an opportunity to clear the way for schools, churches and public buildings to open their doors and provide temporary shelter in Beaverton during an emergency."

#### Seeking Public Comment

You're invited to comment during a public hearing that will take place before the Beaverton Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at Beaverton City Hall (Council Chambers, 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton).

If you would like to submit written comments or ask questions about the proposed temporary exemption for shelters, please contact associate planner Jeff Salvon at (503) 526-3725, [jsalvon@ci.beaverton.or.us](mailto:jsalvon@ci.beaverton.or.us) or by mail at Beaverton Community Development Department, PO Box 4755, Beaverton, Oregon 97076-4755.

#### Home Emergency Kits

Although you may not be homeless, during or following a severe storm or disaster you may be on your own for several days and possibly without utilities. Take time to put together a home emergency kit that contains supplies to sustain you and your family for at least three days. Keep your supplies together in a single location like a closet, shed, or in the garage. For emergency preparedness tips and a full list of suggested supplies, please visit [www.beavertonoregon.gov/emergency](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/emergency).

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